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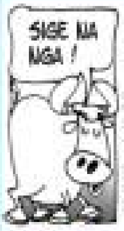
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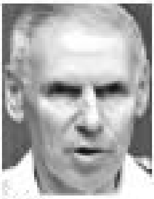






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Beating the heat: Stay in the shade, drink up

DON'T let the heat get to you.

The rising temperatures, which herald the start of the summer season, increase people's risk of suffering from heatstroke, according to health secretary Manuel Dayrit.

Fortunately, it is fairly easy to avoid it—stay in the shade and drink water, ideally eight to 10 glasses a day.

Dayrit said people suffer from heatstroke when their body temperature rises beyond the normal 37 degrees Celsius. Symptoms include sudden dizziness, weakness, fainting, headache, rapid heartbeat, muscle cramps and dark yellow urine. It needs immediate medical attention.

People who are out in the sun or in hot, crowded places and who don't get enough shade or water are especially at risk of heatstroke, Dayrit said.

"If you're out at the beach or you're out at work and you're not hydrating, that's when you get heatstroke. Normally, it happens to people who may be in crowded places, who didn't bring any water supply with them and they can't get out and they're trapped, like in a rally. The combined heat of the sun and the losses of water bring down their hydration level," he told reporters.

Dayrit said people must remember to drink water, especially if they're exercising, to avoid dehydration. He noted that people lose water in their body three ways: through their urine, sweat or breath. *Leila B. Salaverria*

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Israel's Knesset rejects Gaza Strip pullout referendum

JERUSALEM—Israel's parliament Monday rejected a referendum bill on the planned Gaza Strip evacuation, removing the last obstacle to the pullout and dealing a severe blow to those staunchly opposed to withdrawal.

The bill was thrown out by a landslide majority of 72 MPs to 39, out of the 114 MPs present. There were three abstentions.

After Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sealed enough support to force his 2005 budget through parliament by a cut-off date Thursday, opponents had seized on a referendum as the last political chance to stall his disengagement plan.

A plebiscite would have seriously delayed the evacuation of some 8,000 settlers and troops from the Gaza Strip—already sanctioned by parliament and the Cabinet—but the effort proved futile.

Opponents of the pullout, who include around a third of Sharon's own Likud party, including Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, failed even to secure the support of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party, which in principle opposes the withdrawal.

The bill's defeat sparked an angry response from settler leaders, thousands of whose supporters rallied outside parliament afterwards.

"Our struggle switches to the streets," said a statement from the main settler organization Yesha.

"[Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon today stopped in a brutal manner any chance of putting the pullout plan to the people for decision and thus preventing violent confrontation and civil war."

Arieh Eldad, an MP for the far-right National Union, was even stronger in his rhetoric.

"Today, Sharon missed the last chance to avoid a civil war," he said. "Today, he signed the death warrants of a very large number of people."

Sharon is set to present the details of his pullout strategy to US President George W. Bush at the president's Texas ranch on April 11.

He should then return to Israel bolstered by US support before he goes ahead from July 20 with the evacuation of the Gaza Strip Jewish settlements and Israeli troops, and of four isolated outposts in the northern West Bank.

Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erakat welcomed the disengagement plan as "a glimmer of hope" and called for an immediate resumption of political talks.

But Palestinian prime minister Ahmed Qurei said no workable Palestinian state can be established as long as Israel keeps its settlements in the occupied West Bank.

"These blocs, which the American administration has legitimized by giving its support to Israel, make the creation of a viable Palestinian state impossible," he said.

Sharon has said Israel will keep its largest settlements in the West Bank with US blessing under any final Middle East peace deal.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has also said any peace will have to take into account the biggest Jewish settlements.

Meanwhile, the Islamist movement Hamas said it was ready to join the Palestine Liberation Organization, which groups together the major Palestinian factions.

"Our decision to participate in the PLO is not new. It is a long-standing and clear decision," one of its leaders, Mahmud Zahar, said after talks with Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas in Gaza City.

Progress on earlier disagreements was made during inter-Palestinian talks in Cairo earlier this month, Zahar said.

But he stressed Hamas had not abandoned its commitment to a Palestine incorporating modern-day Israel, regardless of the PLO charter which calls for the creation of a Palestinian state only in land conquered by Israel in 1967.

Speaker of the PLO's parliament Salim Zanoun said the PLO executive committee would meet in Gaza with representatives of Hamas and its smaller rival Islamic Jihad on Tuesday. *AFP*

Jewish settlers mull future strategy

JERUSALEM—Jewish settlers furious with Israel's planned pullout from occupied Gaza were meeting Tuesday to discuss their future strategy after losing all political chances of scuppering the evacuation.

The main Yesha settlers' council was locked in talks the morning after MPs ruled out a referendum on the controversial plan to tear down all 21 Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip and four isolated outposts in the West Bank.

"Our struggle switches to the streets," said a statement from the council while thousands of supporters rallied outside the Knesset as a referendum bill put forward by MPs sympathetic to their plight was roundly defeated.

A plebiscite would have seriously delayed Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's disengagement plan—already sanctioned by parliament and the cabinet.

"Sharon today stopped in a brutal manner any chance of putting the pullout plan to the people for decision and thus preventing violent confrontation and civil war," it added.

But turnout at the rally fell far short of the 100,000 supporters Yesha boasted of being able to mobilize.

Demonstrators also drifted away into the evening rather than digging in for the 36-hour marathon or "longest demonstration in the history of Israel" that Yesha had hoped to organize.

The council has made no official call for violent resistance and has distanced itself from appeals for soldiers charged with carrying out the evacuation to disobey orders.

Nevertheless the lobby group has whipped up fears of potential civil disobedience and extremist attacks, having it understood they would be powerless to stop hardliners bent on acts of sabotage.

"I would do everything to avoid violence, but it is not easy to organize an uncompromising fight against just political officials and not the army and police," Pinhas Wallerstein, a Yesha leader, told army radio.

"I hope that you will manage to continue the struggle (by legitimate means)," hit back Public Security Minister Gideon Ezra.

"We should really find a solution to potential acts from the extremist fringe," he added.

Police said Tuesday they had arrested three Israelis, including a soldier, on suspicion of trying to sell arms to Jewish extremists bent on carrying out attacks to sabotage the evacuation.

The three suspects were detained on Sunday after one of them offered to sell grenades to Yesha leaders, who tipped off police, the media reported.

"We must prepare for two possible scenarios... an attack against Palestinian targets, or more serious, against a Muslim (religious) target," Hezi Kalo, a former agent in the Shin Beth domestic security agency told public television.

Sharon is set to present the details of his pullout strategy to US President George W. Bush at the president's Texas ranch on April 11. *AFP*

Bush OKs new anti-spy strategy



ANDERSEN MANIA
A swan is followed by a duck Monday in a pond in Copenhagen, Denmark. On April 2, Copenhagen will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen, who penned such classic tales as "The Little Mermaid," "The Ugly Duckling," and "The Emperor's New Clothes." AP

Pentagon to create robot surgeon to treat soldiers

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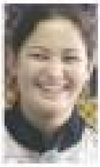


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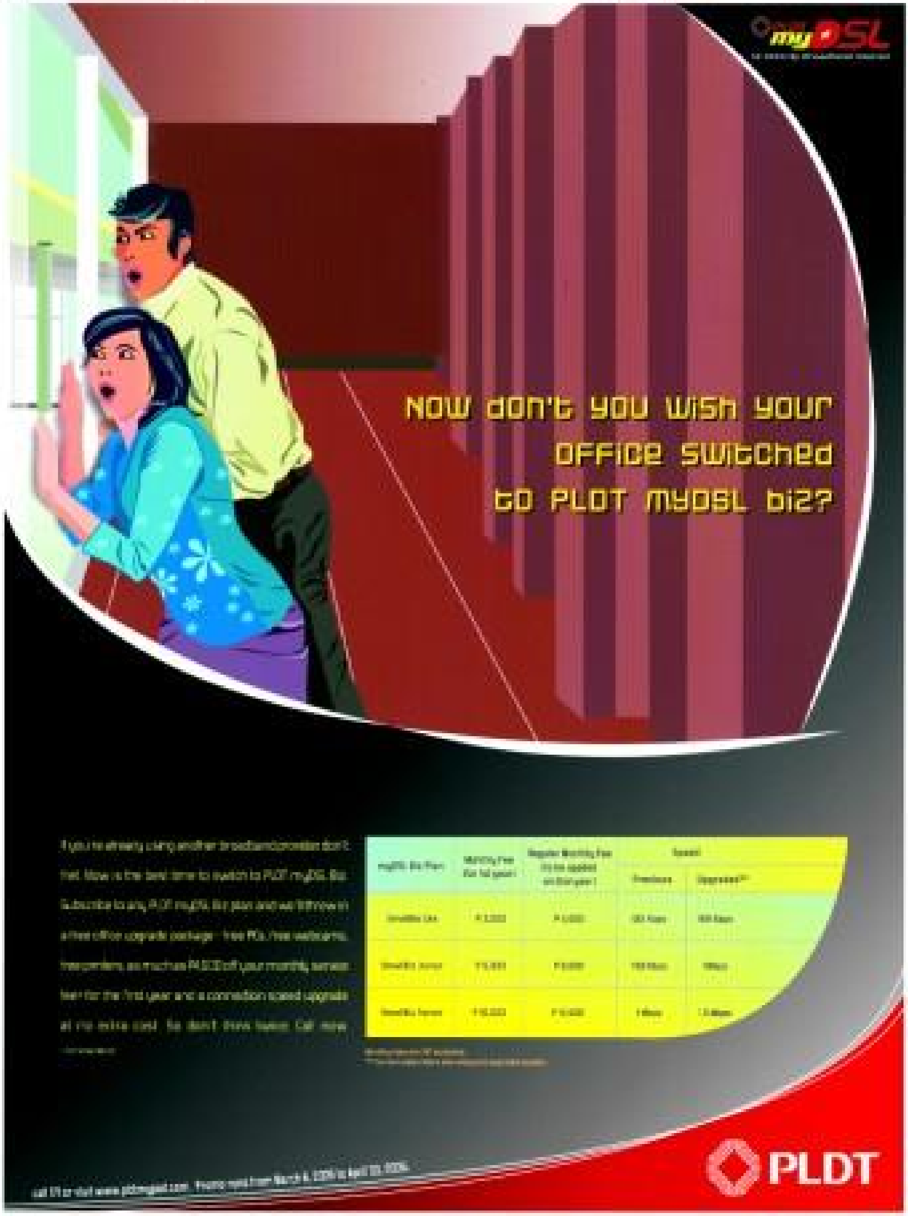




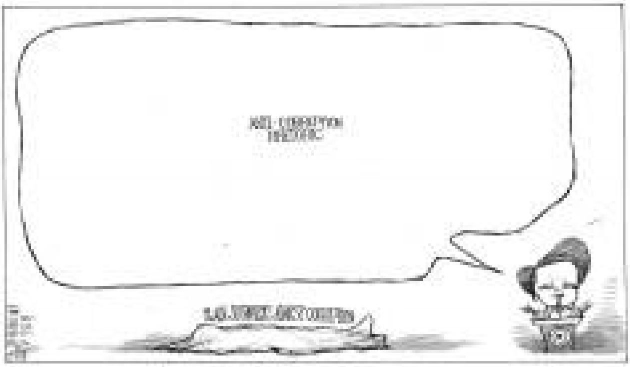
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Changes sought in ancestral land law

BAGUIO CITY—The House of Representatives is investigating fake ancestral land titles that were allegedly distributed here in 2001, in anticipation of measures that will amend the 1997 Indigenous Peoples Rights Act.

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INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Neglected shrine symbolizes peace

By [illegible]
Baguio City

FOR ABOUT 20 years, the marble dove has stood there, perched atop Baguio City's highest cliff and rock formations in Campo Sioco overlooking the San Rosario Valley. But no one knows why the monument is there.

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Message

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THIS [illegible] shrine atop a rock formation in Campo Sioco, Baguio City, has become an alternative spiritual destination in the country's summer capital.

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Mystified

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Hafalla records altering landscape of Mt. Province

"OB-OBFU," an exhibition of photographs by Tommy Hafalla, opens at the Bontoc Museum in Bontoc, Mt. Province, on April 4, as one of the activities of the Mt. Province Day celebrations.

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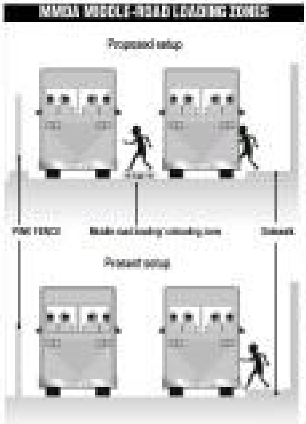
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NBI to beef up IPU security measures

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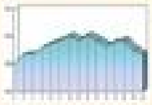
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CORPORATE CITIZEN

BSP expects inflation to hit 8-8.6%

By Michelle V. Remo



TETANGCO

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas said the inflation rate in March would likely remain high, as the rising oil prices in the world market continued to push local consumer prices up.

BSP Deputy Governor Amando Tetangco Jr., who will replace BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura when he retires in July, said inflation this month might hover between 8 and 8.6 percent.

The inflation forecast for the month is way higher than the 5 to 6 percent target for the whole of 2005.

In February, the rate of consumer price increases reached 8.5 percent largely due to the sharp rise in transport fares and in the costs of several food items.

"The February rate reflected a hangover from the high inflation rate in the second half of last year," Economic Planning Secretary Romulo Neri, who is also the director general of the National Economic and Development Autority (Neda), said earlier.

The government's economic team earlier set the inflation target at between 5 and 6 percent, anticipating that the increases in consumer prices would eventually ease by the middle of the year., barring any unexpected sharp rise in oil prices.

But as of March 25, Dubai crude, used as a regional benchmark for oil prices, hit $45.64 per barrel. Unleaded and diesel prices, meanwhile, already reached $59.45 and $67.05 per barrel.

"We were expecting that oil prices would go down this month, but it did not," said Diwa Guinigundo, BSP assistant governor.

The inflation started accelerating in the second half of 2004, reaching as high as 8.6 percent in December, or way above the government's official target of only 4 to 5 percent, as oil prices began to post record highs.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said that with the behavior of oil prices in the world market, inflation was expected to accelerate.

He said, however, that the rate would not reach double-digit level as feared by some.

DENR corporate arm to develop chromite field

By Christine A. Gaylican

STATE-OWNED Natural Resources Mining Development Corp. will explore and develop the Dinagat Island chromite and copper mining reserves in Northern Surigao.

NRMDC president Artemio Disini said earlier studies conducted by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) showed significant chromite and copper deposits in this government reserve that remained untapped.

"We believe it is time that we develop the potential of the Dinagat Island mine reserve to take advantage of the big demand for chromite and copper in China," said Disini.

He said the corporate arm of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources was advised by its financial adviser, the Development Bank of the Philippines, to go into strategic joint venture arrangement with interested parties for this project. The project is expected to cost at least P1 billion.

In the meantime, the P2-billion Mt. Diwalwal Direct State Utilization Project, another NRMDC project, has potential reserves of 2,000 tons of gold a day.

This project is being undertaken by an NRMDC subsidiary called NRMDC-Gold.

Disini, who worked as president of Lepanto Mining Corp. for more than four decades, has started to install a system in the mining activities at Mt. Diwalwal, which covers 8,100 hectares.

"By year-end, NRMDC-Gold will be listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange," he added. Disini is confident that the 25-year life of the mine would attract investors.

He said that developing the gold mine's potential could translate to sales worth about $50-$75 million a year and additional government revenue of $2.84 million.

Disini said that in spite of the government takeover of the so-called gold rush area in 2004, small-scale miners were still allowed to mine from the surface up to only 600 meters deep.

"A delineation of mining areas has been put in place. Our company, NRMDC-Gold will mine below 600 meters. We may need fresh investments of about $2 million at least for further exploration activities," Disini said in an interview.

The Philippine government through the NRMDC owns 55 percent of the Mt. Diwalwal project and the remaining 45 percent is owned by the PNOC-Energy Development Corp. (PNOC-EDC).

LIFESTYLE

Earn some dough



Whether you need funds for a day at the beach or for a shopping spree in June, here's your guide to generating cash this summer

By [illegible]
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SUMMER—no money? Not necessarily.

Asking for cash from your parents might seem like an easy way out, but wouldn't it be more fun if you could make your own? Whether you need funds for a day at the beach or for a shopping spree in June, here's your guide to earning cash this summer.

Work with what you have

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Go for glam

Have you ever wanted to be on the fashion pages of 2bU!? Well, here's your chance

Become a fashion designer

Model for 2bU!



Do-it-yourself logo tees

Make a summer statement with these T-shirts











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Earn some dough

Get a summer job

Start a small business

Buy and sell

Have a beauty-full summer

Start a beauty regime this summer



Cucumber Facial

Peach Tightening Mask

Apple Mask

Cucumber Mask

Strawberry mask

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